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Navy Orders Ensign Berg's Immediate Ouster

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA — The United States Navy has ordered the immediate discharge of Ensign Vernon "Copy" Berg III with an "other than honorable" discharge. Berg, who has fought the discharge through the Navy's review processes since an administrative board recommended his ouster on the basis of homosexuality on January 28, was scheduled to be officially dismissed from the Navy as of midnight last Friday. Berg's lawyer, E. Carrington Bogan of New York, flew to Washington in an attempt to get a temporary restraining order in U.S. District Court, but as GCN went to press, Bogan had been unable to do so. The Friday date was established by the local command, and discharge processing was underway as the day neared.

In a telephone interview with GCN, Ensign Berg stated that an "other



Ensign Vernon Berg III.

than honorable' discharge for an officer is like a dishonorable for anyone else. I won't be able to get any veteran's benefits, I won't even be reimbursed for the 38 days leave which they owe me. If I had known that, I would have taken the vacation time long ago. The Navy will pay me my \$.13 a mile for gas to New Jersey, my official place of residence. But that's almost an insult. I'm very disappointed; there's no question about that."

Berg noted that the local Navy Chief of Staff had given him an adverse fitness report, stating that his work in the Navy had been "unsatisfactory." "That report proves predisposition on the part of the command," Berg said. He noted that the department head of the Civilian Personnel Office, where the Ensign has been working for the last eight months, disagrees with the

fitness report and will submit a written affidavit saying so. The Department head has also agreed to appear in public hearings to defend Berg's job performance.

Berg will appeal the nature of the discharge and the fitness report to the Board for the Correction of Military Records. In addition, he and his lawyers will be going into the federal courts to challenge the Navy's discharge on the basis of his gayness.

Ensign Berg and his lover, Lawrence Gibson, a civilian Navy teacher who was dismissed from his position because of his involvement with Berg, will be leaving Virginia Beach sometime this week for a return to civilian life. Although their plans are indefinite at this point, they plan to travel to Philadelphia and perhaps do a national television and speaking tour.

Maine Lesbian Mother Fights for Children

PORTLAND — For the first time in the state of Maine, an open lesbian mother will fight in court for the custody of her children. In a case that is expected to begin soon, Carol Whitehead of Portland is being challenged for custody of her two children by her ex-husband. She had been originally awarded custody of the children back in 1971 in Georgia after divorcing her husband. Attorneys for both sides have met in Portland, and Ms. Whitehead, her attorney Kim Matthews, and the Maine Gay Task Force have already established a defense fund to pay legal expenses.

According to Ms. Whitehead, the children's father helped support them for one year after the divorce, then stopped all assistance in 1973. During this period, she claims that the ex-husband harassed both her and the

children in repeated attempts, both through the courts and by extra-legal means, to regain the children from Carol whom he calls a "sick lesbian." To escape harassment by the father, Carol and her family moved to Jacksonville, Fla., where the man followed them and, according to Carol, tried to kill her in a hospital.

In an attempt to gain some security, Carol and the children moved back to Portland in July, 1975. On April 18 of this year, Carol reports, she got a phone call from the South Portland school which her children attend, and was told that a man from out of state was at the school with a Georgia custody paper and demanded to remove the children. The custody paper was invalid in Maine and the school refused to release the children. At that point Carol contacted Portland attor-

ney Kim Matthews.

Although a judge has ordered her ex-husband to stay away from the children, Carol fears that he may abduct them without her knowledge. "I have been a good and loving mother," she says. "The children are

being used as pawns in a war against me."

Anyone interested in helping Carol or getting more information should contact the Carol Whitehead Defense Fund, P.O. Box 4542, Portland, Maine 04112.

Gay Democrats Elect 5 in Philly

PHILADELPHIA — In an unusual display of gay political power, five out of seven gay candidates running for Democratic committee positions in Philadelphia were elected to posts in the Pennsylvania primary election on April 27. The five men — Richard Keiser, Don Helsel, Harry Langhorne, Tom Gates and Jeff Britton — were backed by the Philadelphia Gay Democratic Caucus. Both Langhorne, who is also president of the Philadelphia Gay Activists Alliance, and Gates won their elections by only one vote each.

Jack Friel and the lone lesbian candidate, Ruth Parsons, were defeated in the election.

Jeff Britton, President of the Caucus, emphasized that "Committee persons are important posts in a machine-dominated city such as Phila-

delphia, for they are the people who select the Ward leaders, who in turn elect the City Chairman. Every major politician in the city is or has been a ward leader," he added. Britten hopes that the committee elections may help in the passage of gay rights legislation now pending before the Philadelphia City Council. In addition, he hopes that the presence of gay committee people can be "helpful" in dealing with police and other kinds of harassment.

"Electing five committee persons is just the beginning of our plans to hold politicians responsible to the gay community," Britten asserted. "In 1978, we hope to run a slate of 30 or more candidates in predominantly gay wards in Center City and West Philadelphia," he added.

Close Call for Bay Village Bars

BOSTON — Jacques and The Other Side were dealt an almost fatal blow last week when the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) suspended the licenses of the two Bay Village bars for staying open beyond their legal hours. However, the decision was in effect for only a few hours. At that point US Bankruptcy Court Judge Paul W. Glennon issued a temporary restraining order delaying execution of the suspension order until at least June 14, when counsel for the city and for the bars will be required to appear for a hearing in federal court. Glennon, however, upheld that part of the previous ABCC decision requiring both bars to close at midnight.

The new ABCC majority, consisting of Chairman Edward F. Harrington and the newest member, Brookline attorney Herbert Goodwin, found the bars guilty of serving alcohol illegally from May 1 through May 13, in violation of an order from the City of Boston Licensing Board that was later challenged in court by the bars' attorneys, and upheld by Boston Municipal Court Judge Jacob Lewiton.

Later Monday afternoon, lawyers for the bars obtained the temporary restraining order in federal bankruptcy

court, which is currently in the process of processing bankruptcy petitions for the two establishments. The bars filed for bankruptcy several weeks ago, as the result of their midnight closings became noticeable. Court sources indicate that The Other Side alone has listed \$240,000 in liabilities, with only \$61,000 in assets.

This latest development is indication that the bars intend to utilize every legal avenue open to them to prevent the closings. However, the midnight closing is likely to be as harmful to the bars' interests as an all-out closing, since they are unable to compete with dozens of other Boston bars that close two hours later. In addition, the Bay Village Neighborhood Association, which has been leading the legal battle against the establishments, has contended that they object to the late night and early morning noise and violence which they attribute to the bars.

Boston lawyer Francis DiMento, who is one of several attorneys representing Henry Vara and his associates, told GCN that the bankruptcy court's interjection into the case made the ABCC decision "all academic." Frank Kirby, who is representing the bars in the federal court, was unavailable for comment.

58% Hit Court Ruling in N.Y. Poll

NEW YORK — A *New York Daily News* poll has revealed that more than half of the residents of the New York metropolitan area disagree with the US Supreme Court's recent decision that individual states may pass laws outlawing homosexual acts. The *Daily News* Opinion Poll asked 535 persons 18 years old and older in New York City, northern New Jersey, Westchester, Rockland, Nassau and Suffolk counties what they thought about the recent Supreme Court decision.

Asked whether "you agree or disagree with the decision?" the response was:

Agree	18%
Disagree	58%
Don't Know	24%

Agreeing with the decision were 21% of the Catholics polled, 15% of the Jewish respondents and 14% of the Protestants that answered.

Another question was "Do you think that homosexuals should be accepted in society and treated the

same as anyone else?"

The responses were:

Yes	63%
No	21%
Don't Know	16%

Responses on this question from Jewish respondents were 73% "yes," while 63% of Protestants and 61% of Catholics also agreed.

However there was less agreement on whether the respondents felt that gay people were fairly treated in America. In answer to the question, "Do you think that homosexuals are fairly treated in America today," the answers were:

Yes	36%
No	21%
Don't Know	16%

43% of the polled Protestants thought gays were fairly treated, and 41% of the Catholics were in agreement as well. However, only 28% of the Jewish respondents felt that gay people are "fairly treated."



news notes

U.S. RIGHTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The United States Commission on Civil Rights has decided to put until July a decision on whether to acknowledge whether or not it has jurisdiction over problems of discrimination against gay people. Jean O'Leary, legislative director of the National Gay Task Force, recently spent a week in Washington, which included discussions with Commission members.

O'Leary told GCN that it is very possible at this time to "put as much pressure as possible" on the Commission to get them to make a decision on this matter. Anyone who wishes to make their voice heard should write to Arthur S. Fleming, US Commission on Civil Rights, 1121 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20425.

SHRINK 'OUT'

MIAMI BEACH — Dr. James Paulsen of Stanford University came out publicly at the age of 50 at the meeting of the Gay Caucus of the American Psychiatric Association during the association's national convention last week. Paulsen "came out" before 80 persons at the caucus meeting and then did a television talk show with Barbara Gittings on the local ABC affiliate.

The convention featured a booth by the National Gay Task Force which was reportedly well-received. In addition, the convention panel featured a videotape panel moderated by Dr. Robert Gould on "The Impact of the APA's Removal of Homosexuality from the List of Mental Disorders." Taped a few weeks prior to the convention, the panel featured Congressperson Ed Koch, NGTF director Bruce Voeller, NGTF staff people Ginny Vida and Father Robert Herrick and others.



GCN ROBBED

BOSTON — GCN was robbed last Thursday morning by unknown thieves who broke down the office door, ransacked the office, and made off with \$7 in cash as well as six blank checks. The break-in was discovered by *Fag Rag* staffer Freddie Greenfield and GCN subscriptionperson George Dimsey. According to Dimsey, "The office was a complete mess. Anywhere that they thought might have been money was totally gone through." A complaint has been made to the police and the door repaired and strengthened against further attempts at robbery.



ANTI-GAY IRS?

COLORADO SPRINGS, COL. — LAMBDA SERVICES BUREAU, INC., a non-profit Colorado Springs community program that provides counseling, a referral service, and an education project for lesbians and gay males has recently had its tax-exempt status revoked. The reasons given by the Internal Revenue Service for revocation of its tax-exempt status are that the organization's board of directors will not state that homosexuality is "a sickness, disturbance or a diseased pathology." And the Internal Revenue Service desires Lambda's members to abstain from advocating the position that "homosexuality is a mere preference, orientation or propensity on a par with heterosexuality and is to be regarded as normal."

The Internal Revenue Service contends that for Lambda's members to advocate the position that homosexuality is normal may carry the "risk of encouraging or fostering homosexual attitudes and propensities among minors and other impressionable members of society." The Internal Revenue Service therefore, terminated Lambda's tax-exempt status as of March 6, 1976. As a result, Lambda has chosen to fight the decision and now has a case pending, LAMBDA SERVICES BUREAU INC. vs. the UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT — INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Lambda defense fund should contact: Lambda Services Bureau, Inc. Defense Fund P.O. Box 911 Colorado Springs, CO 80901

CONNELL QUILTS

BOSTON — State Rep. William A. Connell (D-Weymouth), whose anti-gay diatribes earned him an editorial in the *Boston Globe*, announced last week at a State House press conference that he would not be a candidate for re-election to another term in the House of Representatives, where he has served for 20 years. Connell, who represents South Weymouth and is a former head of the House Banking Committee, is best remembered for his speech a year ago on the floor of the House, in which he charged that "These dykes, queers, and fags are after our sons and daughters!" during a debate on a gay rights bill.

L.A. VOTERS

LOS ANGELES — The first stage of this election year's drive to register gay voters in Los Angeles concluded on May 9, with 1,898 new voters on the rolls. Deputy registrars from several Los Angeles gay organizations participated in the drive, including Stonewall, Lambda and Hollywood Hills democratic clubs, U.S.C. Gay Students Union and the Southern California branch of the Whitman-Radclyffe Foundation.

JUDGE-MENT DAY

LOS ANGELES, CA — Court records revealed last week that a California Superior Court Judge, arrested for lewd conduct with another man in a movie theatre last August 1, was allowed to retire on a \$29,000-a-year pension. Judge Sherman W. Smith and another man had been allowed to plead guilty to trespassing charges, fined \$200 each, and placed on probation.

According to United Press International, Smith applied for a disability retirement, submitting medical records to show that he suffers from hypertension.

THERAPY GROUP

BOSTON — An expressive therapy group is now forming for gay men in the Boston area who wish to explore problems relating to poor self-image, sexuality, and/or difficulties in forming satisfying relationships. The approach of both therapists involved in the project is eclectic, utilizing psychodrama, gestalt, and more traditional "talking" therapies. Personal growth and experimentation are the primary goals of the therapy. Meetings will be weekly, including one half-day per month. Limited scholarships are available. For more information or registration, people should leave a message for Paul Tellalian at (617) 227-8882 (include telephone number and best time to call).



PHILLY WOMEN

PHILADELPHIA — The second annual Lesbian/Feminist Weekend Celebration will be held near Philadelphia the weekend of June 4-6. Workshops will take place all day Saturday and there will be a dance on Saturday night. The fee — based on a sliding scale — includes sleeping accommodations as well as some meals. Child care will also be provided. Registration applications may be obtained at Alexandria Books, Giovanni's Room, Penn Women's Center, Women's Cultural Trust, City Center YWCA, and the Eromin Center.

LAND OF LINCOLN

SPRINGFIELD, IL — Thirteen Illinois legislators have introduced four gay rights bills into the Illinois House of Representatives. The bills prohibit discrimination against gay people in the areas of housing, employment, and public accommodations. The gay rights package is expected, however, to remain in the Rules Committee until the bills are reintroduced next January.

GAY STUDIES

BERKELEY, Ca. — The Pacific Center, working with the curriculum committee of Lavender U, is in the process of forming a clearinghouse for the cataloguing and dispensing of information on Gay Studies courses.

Initially, the Center plans to publish a nationwide directory of gay studies courses, and ultimately to develop a manual for students and faculty interested in setting up a Gay Studies curriculum at their campus. But first it needs to know what is currently being offered at schools and through gay organizations around the country.

People involved in gay studies courses should write the Center to describe the range of courses being offered at their school, the reading list (if any), the backgrounds of the instructor, and a brief statement of how the course was developed, including any special problems involved in setting it up. Although the Center intends to focus on college level courses offered for credit, it is also eager to obtain information on non-credit, off-campus workshops, conferences, classes and seminars.

All information should be directed to: David Mazer or Barbara Fisher, Pacific Center for Human Growth, P.O. Box 908, Berkeley, CA 94701, telephone (415) 841-6224.

MEN'S CENTER

BOSTON — Boston's Gay Men's Center needs new staff people. Volunteers should call 338-7967 during Center hours which are Wednesday 6-10, Friday 8-12, Saturday 3-10, and Sunday 2-6.

DiROCCO'S CLUB

TYNGSBORO, MA — DiRocco's Cabaret, the lively gay nightspot between Lowell and the New Hampshire border, is undergoing a change of ownership and management this month. According to Don Buch, a resident of Nashua (NH) and one of the club's new owners, the Cabaret will "absolutely" remain gay. He could forecast no immediate changes at the club as a result of the new management.



BOYS PLAYING CHESS.

Rhode Island Bicentennial Suit in Court

By Annette D. Gagne

PROVIDENCE, RI — Toward A Gayer Bicentennial's suit against the Rhode Island Bicentennial Commission (RI76) is scheduled for a hearing next June 1 at the U.S. District Court in Providence. The case was to be heard last May 13, but was rescheduled due to a technical question raised by the prosecution.

TAGB is suing RI76 for official recognition and incorporation into the state's bicentennial activities. This would include use of the Old State House in Providence for forums, a share of whatever financial assistance is available from RI76 and recognition of Gay Pride Week. TAGB is not suing for any financial damages.

Peter J. McGinn, attorney for RI76, said according to the Civil Rights Act section 1983, the Commission is a municipality and cannot be sued as if it were a person. Chief Judge Raymond J. Pettine ruled that McGinn's objection was valid and that TAGB would

have to sue the individuals who serve on the RI Bicentennial Commission and the RI Bicentennial Foundation. TAGB's counsel, Stephen J. Fortunato, Jr., requested the hearing date of June 1 to allow enough time for notification of each of the 24 members of RI76.

Fortunato said, "This is a significant case in the First Amendment area because it is an 'access to a forum' case." He explained that the Commission had offered assistance and the use of the Old State House for bicentennial activities organized by any ethnic groups in the state.

Inclusion into activities sponsored by RI76 would give the gay community an opportunity for communication with straight society and promotion of gay pride. Fortunato said RI76's decision to reject the gay community's project is "an arbitrary and capricious exclusion."

McGinn said gay pride could not be incorporated into RI76, "because the

Commission endorses projects, not concepts," which, Fortunato countered, was not true.

Dr. Patrick T. Conley, chairperson of the RI Bicentennial Commission, had previously cited the state's law against homosexual acts as grounds for rejecting the TAGB proposal last August. When Asked if RI76 would continue to base its defense on the illegality of homosexual acts, Conley and his lawyers were evasive and would only comment that "There is no connection between gay pride and the bicentennial."

RI76 maintains that gay culture is irrelevant to the United States' bicentennial. The position of TAGB is that gay people were in this country before many of the ethnic groups endorsed by RI76.

On the illegality issue, Fortunato said, "No one is advocating illegal activity." He added that even if the promotion of gay pride was interpreted as advocating illegal homosexual ac-

tivity, "You can advocate illegal activity. The Supreme Court has made it clear that it's only when you become involved in action which would break the law that authorities can step in."

Gay Pride Week activities will be held in Rhode Island regardless of the outcome of the June 1 hearing. A parade is planned for Sat., June 26 at 2 p.m., according to Joy Knight, member of TAGB. She said the parade will be "an attempt to tell we've always been in the midst of people."

The parade will include floats focusing on various themes such as gay history, Affirmation '76, religion, and other areas of gay culture.

Individual floats are being organized by MCC Providence, the Gay Helpline and professional people in the gay community. Knight said any groups and individuals interested in planning a float or helping out with the parade can write for an application form to P.O. Box 1462, Annex Station, Providence, RI 02901.

July 4th Coalition March Backs Gay Demands

PHILADELPHIA — The demand for equal rights for gay people will be heard amidst the hoopla and self-congratulation of the July 4 commemorative events in Philadelphia this year. A diverse collection of 150 groups involved in the movement for social change, including the Socialist caucus of the Gay Academic Union, have formed the July 4th Coalition to organize a counter-demonstration to the official celebration of America's

bicentennial.

The goal of the July 4th Coalition organizers is to demonstrate that, in the words of one participant, "after 200 years we are still fighting for our freedom, our dignity, and justice for all people." A series of demands, drawn up for the demonstration at a planning committee meeting held in New York City on March 29, include "jobs and a decent standard of living for all, full democracy and equality,

and a Bicentennial without colonies." Equal rights for gay people is listed in the section on "Democracy and Equality," as well as an end to the oppression of women, an end to racism, and the defeat of Senate Bill S1.

John D'Emilio, a member of the Gay Socialist Caucus, feels the July 4 demonstration "is one of the more important actions taken by radicals on the left since the sixties. We're at a point now," D'Emilio told GCN, "where things are beginning to happen again. Apart from the demonstration's important symbolic value, the march should bring individuals involved in what have seemed isolated struggles together, increasing feelings of unity and morale." D'Emilio feels it is "very important that there be a strong gay presence to insure that the left take the gay struggle seriously as well as to express our solidarity with other people's struggles."

The Philadelphia demonstration will begin with a two-mile march, followed by a rally at Fairmont Park, located on the other side of town from the official demonstrations at which Mayor Rizzo and President Ford will appear. The distance between demonstrations will, organizers hope, reduce the possibility of a confrontation that might result in violence. John Demeter, a member of

the Boston July 4th steering committee, expects a turnout of between 60-70,000 people, including approximately 2,000 people from Boston. Boston steering committee meets every Friday evening at 5:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, 15 Seller St., Cambridge.

Two other July 4 demonstrations are planned by leftist groups, although neither of them deal specifically with gay issues. The People's Bicentennial Commission (PBC) has planned a demonstration in Washington, D.C. Although the PBC has no spokesperson from any gay-lesbian groups scheduled at its demonstration, and makes no mention of gay oppression in its literature, the PBC office says this exclusion is not intentional. The PBC is "oriented exclusively towards economic issues, emphasizing economic democracy at the factory level, and attacking multi-national corporations. Though economics may be involved in gay oppression it would be on a different level," one spokesperson told GCN. The Radical Union also plans to hold five days of demonstrations in Philadelphia. The RU is well-known for its view of homosexuality as a form of capitalist decadence that will disappear after the revolution.



Nancer Ballard, new Director of Education at Boston's Homophile Community Health Service. Replacing Donna Medley, Ballard will be responsible for the gay counseling service's outreach to both the gay and straight communities. Ballard returns to Boston, where she went to school, after four years in Ithaca, New York, where she was involved in the Gay Speaker's Bureau, worked as a supervisor for counselors, and was a photo-journalist.

Photo by Jane Picard

Clerk Candidate Supports Gays

BOSTON — Arthur Patrick Lewis of Boston's South End last week announced his candidacy for the office of Clerk of Suffolk Superior Court for Civil Business, hoping to succeed retiring clerk Thomas Dorgan. Lewis, no relation to State Sen. Arthur J. Lewis (D-Jamaica Plain), is one of several announced candidates for the post, including Boston City Councillor John J. Kerrigan and School Committee chairman Patrick F. McDonough.

Lewis is asking for the support of gay voters of Suffolk County, which includes Boston, Revere, Chelsea, and Winthrop, in his election bid. "I certainly support your efforts and right of preference in your endeavors as publishers and supporters of gay rights," he told GCN last week. Lewis added that he is a supporter of Rep. Barney Frank, and that his support for gay rights "will be sustained, and the constitutional, civil and human and equal right of all will be protected"

upon his election to the office of Clerk of Court.

Lewis is also a practicing psychologist in Boston.



Arthur Patrick Lewis



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correction

Readers of GCN:

I am writing this letter because of several reasons at the moment. I must admit that this is the first time that I have ever read a gay publication that has such meaning and GCN is an example of good journalism. In any case, I would like to touch upon the letter (in the May 22 issue) that concerns the very existence of individual's survival in various American Penal Institutions.

Not only are homosexuals blamed for rape, inciting a riot, etc., in these institutions, but they are forced to live under certain conditions that aren't fit for a dog! A good example is that of William J. Dorman that is serving time in a Florida Corrections facility in Starke, Florida.

But the prison authorities at Starke, Florida, are scared of Dorman because they can't undermine his will to survive and the struggle to fight against the injustices lodged against him. As a concerned gay, I hope that GCN can do more than publish letters of such interests and write stories that prevail the injustices and conditions of living that homosexuals are faced to live under in various penal institutions.

At any rate, I hope for the best of the GCN and its entire staff for turning out a tremendous newspaper.

Gordon P. Howe, President
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Dear Friends:

The interesting article "Travel: Out of the Closet" (May 1, 1976) included much useful information for your readers. However, I must take exception to the geographical limitations of the travel services listed and the assumption that any of those listed have "been in the business the longest."

ONE, Incorporated, "invented" the concept of gay travel in 1964 and has since that date conducted perhaps as many tours all told as the total of all those listed in your article. Our groups have covered virtually the entire world, save Africa and Australia: Turkey, Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan, Russian, Finland, Spain, Portugal and all the usual portions of Europe. Most importantly from our point of view is that, as the longest-continuing homophile organization in America, each tour is conducted not as a commercial venture but as a service to the Gay Community.

I hope that you may agree with me that while all of us should be concerned first with cultivating our own fields and locations we add to our effectiveness by keeping in touch with what is going on in other parts of our country.

Sincerely,
W. Dorr Legg, Founder (1952)
ONE, Inc., Los Angeles, CA

A Gay Person's Guide To New England



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LETTERS

GCN welcomes letters expressing the views of its readers. All letters submitted for publication must contain the name and address of the writer. A phone number will speed verification. While names will be withheld upon request, no anonymous letters will be considered.

taken to task



Jean O'Leary
Bruce Voeller
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New York, NY 10011

Dear Jean and Bruce:

I am distressed and disappointed more than I can possibly express that you have chosen to use an NGTF mailing as a medium for distributing advertisements for *The Advocate*. The arguments for NOT doing this seem to me to be so patently obvious, that I find it difficult to understand who could have made such a decision and what the reasons behind that decision might be. The only way I can think of to register my protest against this act is to ask you to remove my name from your mailing list. (This may seem like an overly dramatic gesture since, according to your records, I'm already a year behind in my dues . . . but, in fact, I'm still trying to trace two checks mailed to NGTF in the last year that have never been cashed.) In any case, I have been supportive of all the Task Force has tried to do in the past, although I think its priorities have not usually been mine. I want very badly to contribute to support the Task Force's activities again in the future if and when I can see that its present coziness with Goodstein is some peculiar and temporary aberration.

In the meanwhile, I will send this year's contribution to GCN as my personal protest to your actions. I hope to be with you again in the future!

With love and concern,
David E. Newton

not dignified

Dear Editor:

When, with great anticipation, one awaits the publication of a novel dealing directly with our lifestyle and the direct concern of our organization, DIGNITY, one naturally becomes very excited to at last see the author's picture and the book's cover design on the front page of GCN. Needless to say, knowing that the novel deals with DIGNITY's effect on people, we hurriedly flipped to page 8 (as guided by the headline), to see the review. Instead, we find an insipid, smart-assed attempt by one "Bunny LaRue" to cover up the fact that he/she seemingly never read the book at all.

We are very disappointed in the "review," and equally disappointed in GCN's irresponsible coverage. May I suggest that you refer to *NewsWest* for a more complete coverage of this exciting new book and its contribution to the movement of which we are all a part. GCN missed an opportunity, and I believe you owe Ms. Nell Warren and your readers an apology.

Sincerely yours,
Paul Diederich
National President, DIGNITY

Dear Editor:

I find GCN's coverage of Patricia Nell Warren's new novel, *The Fancy Dancer*, both incongruent and irresponsible.

When one sees a front-page picture of both the author and the book cover, an obvious celebration of the book's publication, one also expects to find a detailed, insightful review. Instead, one has difficulty even locating the brief review within GCN's pages.

That task accomplished, I soon became incensed by Bunny LaRue's clearly uninformed and irresponsible comments about a book which I doubt he or she even read. His/her "review" sounded like the screaming and kicking of a 5-year-old who is unhappy but can't even begin to explain why.

Bunny LaRue certainly has the right to criticize *The Fancy Dancer* (though my reading of that book finds it entertaining, sensitive, and a valuable contribution to our movement). But any criticism in an important journal like *Gay Community News* should be informed and responsibly presented. Mr. or Ms. LaRue and GCN should be ashamed of such a poor presentation, and I will look forward to a more insightful review in a future issue.

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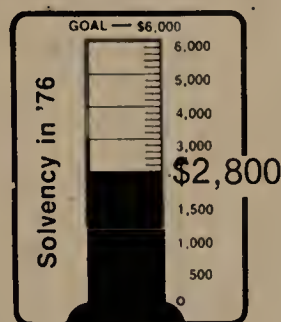
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A: The *Gayellow Pages* lists the Gay Line, (514) 288-1101 evenings; Adrogyny Alternatives, (514) 866-2131; and Women's Information & Referral Centre, (514) 842-4781. It also lists two inns, an antique shop, an art gallery, 17 gay bars and restaurants, four baths, a gay bookstore, both a Christian and a Jewish gay religious group, a counseling center, five gay lib groups, two publications, and a transvestite service organization.

One word of advice: if you're going to Montreal during the Olympics, make your plans early, like yesterday, for huge crowds are expected and Montreal officials concede there may not be sufficient accommodations for everybody.

Joey

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NEW YORK REVELATIONS

By Tony Russo

NEW YORK — The National Gay Task Force will be holding its quarterly event and reception on June 12. The topic will be "The Supreme Court Decision and Gays." Speakers will include Congressperson **Ed Koch**, **Karen DeCrow** of NOW, **Carol Murray** (attorney for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights in Washington, D.C.), **Frank Kameny** (Washington, D.C. Human Rights Commissioner), and **Ruth Abram** (National Executive Director of the Women's Action Alli-

ance). The event will be held at New York University's School of Medicine, 550 First Avenue (at 32nd Street) at 7 p.m. Admission is \$3.

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The Gay Activists Alliance (GAA) will be holding their Gay Liberation Forum on: "Prostitution, Homosexuality, and the Cleanup." Speakers will be **Manfred Ohrenstein**, **E. Carrington Boggan**, **Ken**, and **Alice Sant 'Andrea**. The forum will be held on Sunday, June 6, at 8:30 p.m. at the Church of the Beloved Disciple, located at 348 West 14th Street in Manhattan. There will be a donation of \$1.

Gay People at Columbia (GPC) will

be holding their June 4th dance in Earl Hall. The Hall has not been used by the group since renovation began last June. Over the past year GPC has been holding their dances at alternate places throughout the city to the disappointment of the groups' clientele. Now, a year later, the group is back in its old home. The dance begins at its traditional 9 p.m. time and will end at 2 a.m. Earl Hall is located at 117th St. and Broadway.

Karla Jay is scheduled to be on the Tom Snyder "Tomorrow Show" on Thursday, June 24. Jay will be talking about her latest book: *After You're Out: Personal Experiences of Gay Men and Lesbian Women* on the NBC show.

N.E. Clearinghouse Planning On

By Robert Davis

WORCESTER — The Clark (Univ.) Gay People hosted the third meeting concerning the plans for the New England Gay Clearinghouse on Sunday, May 23, at Clark University. Robert Davis, acting chairperson, and David Ianoccone, secretary, stressed the importance of such an organization, emphasizing such possible functions as a central information and resource center providing information regarding legal rights and aid, information for newly-formed gay groups, businesses, and counseling centers, and a resource library. It is hoped that the Clearinghouse would be a unifying force for the diverse gay organizations in New England, and coordinate the next New England gay conference.

At the meeting various committees were formed in order to make the possibility of the Gay Clearinghouse not just a speculative thought but a reality as well. One such committee was assigned the responsibility of setting up a charter concerning the organization's structure to be presented for verification at the next meeting. Several other people volunteered to investigate the various financial sources needed to raise money necessary to run such an organization. In addition, a third committee was

formed to begin the process of actual incorporation.

Three Clark students also volunteered to formulate a representational system to coordinate all the groups in the six-state New England system. Using the Clark University computer and maps, the plan calls for 12 regions proportionally divided on the basis of gay group concentration.

At the meeting plans were also made to take advantage of Gay Pride Week by promoting the importance of the Gay Clearinghouse. Several people attending the meeting promised to carry banners, distribute pamphlets, and convey information concerning the Clearinghouse during the Gay Pride marches in New York City, Boston, Providence, Worcester, etc. It was emphasized that Gay Pride Week was an especially crucial time to rally support and to educate gay people in the advantages of such an organization.

Another meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 12, in Room 200 Academic Center at 11 a.m., at Clark University, Worcester. At this time the committee responsible for finance, charter, and incorporation will meet. In addition, final plans will be drawn up for the participation in the various gay pride marches.



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brothers,' and extol homosexuality as a 'natural thing,' hiding behind the facade of 'back to nature' media exhortations.

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Communist Party VP Choice Downplays Rights

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By Eric Gordon

HARTFORD — The following is the transcript of a dialogue by Hartford gay activist and GCN reporter Eric Gordon and Jarvis Tyner, Vice-Presidential candidate of the Communist Party, USA. The interview with Tyner took place in a suite of the Hartford Hilton Hotel on May 3, 1976.

GCN: Mr. Tyner, in your campaign literature there is no mention of support for full civil rights to gay people. Does the Communist Party support the Abzug bill now in the House of Representatives that would protect gay people from discrimination?

Tyner: I didn't know about that bill.

GCN: Would the Communist Party support such a bill?

T: The Party does not believe that it is right to politicize people's sexuality, so I don't think we would support such a bill.

GCN: The Communist Party news-

paper, the *Daily World*, did not support the passage of the gay rights bill before the New York City Council, although the bill was being attacked on every conservative front: the Church, the firemen's union, the orthodox rabbis. Don't you think if the paper had urged its readers to phone, write and demonstrate about that bill, the bill might have passed?

T: I don't know. It's hard to think it would have made any difference.

GCN: People in this country know that gay people are not very well off in the Soviet Union. They are imprisoned, sent to mental asylums and so forth.

T: Yes, well, that's the historical experience there. By the way, the Cubans have also determined the same policy.

GCN: Is their policy the same as the Communist Party's here?

T: Well, each country has its own historical experience. We have another in this country.

GCN: Don't you think it's fairly safe



Jarvis Tyner, Communist Party Vice-Presidential Candidate

to say that unless the Communist Party comes out with a specific statement about gay rights in this country, gay people will naturally assume that the CP's position is the same as the Soviet Union's?

T: I don't know. I can't say what people should assume.

GCN: So why should gay people vote for the Communist Party in 1976?

T: Our position on every issue would stand to benefit gay people along with everyone else. We just don't believe in making an issue of people's private sexual lives.

GCN: Did you know that all of the old Czarist laws against homosexuality were thrown out by the Bolshevik government in December 1917, that is within a month after the Revolution?

T: They were?

GCN: Yes. The oppression of gay people only started up again when Stalin was trying to consolidate his power, beginning in the late twenties and on into the thirties.

T: Well, I didn't know about that. But I'm sorry, I have another appearance to make now. It's been great talking to you.

The above interview took place in a suite of the Hartford Hilton Hotel, Monday, May 3, 1976. The reporter was Eric Gordon.

News Commentary

Supreme Court Curtails Entrapment Defense

By Neil Miller

BOSTON — The threat of police entrapment has long been one of the most persistently frightening aspects of life for gay men. Recent victims of entrapment have included Los Angeles Deputy Mayor Maurice Weiner (who was forced out of office and compelled to register as a "sex offender" as a result), a California Superior Court judge (who was allowed to retire on a \$29,000-a-year pension — see this week's "News Notes" page), and Boston's John Doe (who recently fought a case of police harassment in a jury appeal and was denounced by the presiding judge for "slandering the police").

Although the relative openness of gay life in the last several years has decreased the danger of entrapment, nevertheless, for closeted men and for men who, for whatever reasons, still frequent tea-rooms, movie theatres, and rest areas, fear of arrest still lurks ominously in the background. Police entrapment is often used as well as a tool to harass people whom the police or other government officials wish to humiliate or destroy. It was widely speculated, for example, that the recent arrest of Deputy Mayor Weiner in a Los Angeles movie theatre was "set up" by that city's police chief, Ed Davis, to embarrass the Bradley administration. Entrapment was also widely used against civil rights activists in the American South in the 1960s.

In the latest of a series of decisions that emphasize the protection of government and law enforcement officials at the expense of the rights of individuals, a United States Supreme Court ruling of April 27 appears to widen the police right to make use of

entrapment without fear that lower courts will "throw out" cases because of violation of due process of law. Although the Supreme Court decision involved a drug case, the ramifications of that ruling unquestionably apply to police harassment of homosexuals as well.

The Supreme Court case involved a St. Louis man, Charles Hampton, who was convicted in District Court of two counts of distributing heroin and sentenced to concurrent terms of five years imprisonment (suspended). Hampton's alleged offenses took place in St. Louis on Feb. 25 and 26, 1974. In his defense, Hampton's lawyers claimed that the heroin he was alleged to have sold was in fact supplied him by a government agent. In addition, Hampton asserted that he had sold the heroin to another government agent. Hampton's lawyers had then asked for an acquittal in the case because their client had been "entrapped" by agents of the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

The Supreme Court, in a 5-3 decision (Ford appointee Justice Stevens did not participate), upheld the lower court decision, rejecting propriety of the entrapment defense. However, civil libertarians could take some heart in the fact that the five person majority was split over the issue of whether "outrageous conduct" on the part of the government could ever justify a use of entrapment as a defense. Three of the judges — Justice Rehnquist, Chief Justice Burger, and Justice White — absolutely ruled out the "possibility that the defense of entrapment could ever (italics ours) be based upon the government misconduct in a case, where the predisposition of the defendant to commit

the crime was established."

Justices Powell and Blackmun concurred that this case, in their opinion, did not constitute sufficient "government misconduct" to permit entrapment as a defense. However, the judges did note that the other three justices had gone "too far" and that they (Powell and Blackmun) were unwilling "to conclude that an analysis other than one limited to predisposition would never be appropriate under due process principles."

The three dissenting judges — Justice Brennan, Justice Potter Stewart, and Justice Marshall — assailed the drug agents' conduct in the case, stating that "the government is doing nothing less than buying contraband from itself through an intermediary and jailing the intermediary. Such conduct," the three justices asserted, "deliberately entices an individual to commit a crime. That the accused is predisposed cannot possibly justify the action of government officials in purposefully creating crime. No one would suggest that the police could round up and jail all 'predisposed' individuals," the dissenters continued, "yet that is precisely what set-ups like the instant one are intended to accomplish."

In an analysis of the court decision in his legal column in the alternative weekly *The Real Paper*, Boston lawyer Harvey Silverglate noted that the Supreme Court had taken "the first step towards making it a crime to think about committing an illegal act — to be, in legal parlance, predisposed to break the law. Hampton," Silverglate wrote, "was convicted for having an inclination to commit a crime that would not have been committed had not the government supplied only the

opportunity, but even the illicit materials . . . The government can now transform into criminals people who under normal circumstances would refrain from committing a crime because it is too risky, too difficult, too remote a possibility to even contemplate initiating."

Boston lawyer Richard Rubino, who has defended many gay men arrested by the police, told me that "What the Court has basically done is to do away with entrapment as a defense. It has eliminated the factual presentation of an entrapment defense. Predisposition becomes the whole thing."

Rubino added that he "rarely" used entrapment as a defense on behalf of his clients. "I would only use an entrapment defense if my back was against the wall," Rubino said. "It's very, very hard to prove entrapment in gay cases. The stumbling block is predisposition. It's almost impossible to get a judge to believe that you didn't know the place where you were arrested was a cruising spot." Rubino emphasized that under the Balthazar decision in Massachusetts, the "legal issues become privacy and consent." The Balthazar decision states that solicitation to commit an "unnatural act" is not a crime in Massachusetts if both parties are consenting and the solicitation takes place in private.

Although the Supreme Court decision may not affect the legal tactics of lawyers like Rubino, the ruling will undoubtedly have wide ramifications for gay people. Three Supreme Court judges have indicated that they believe that no matter how "outrageous" government conduct may be, entrapment can never be used as a legal defense. Two other high court judges have restricted entrapment as a defense to the most extreme situations. "One more right by which a citizen can protect oneself has been whittled down to nothing by the Nixon court," says Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts lawyer, John Reinstein. Beyond that, the court decision gives the police and other law enforcement officials virtual free rein to entrap almost anyone — drug pushers or prostitutes, political dissenters or gay people — and not have to fear the consequences once the case reaches the courts.

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Lavender Nightlife

By Don Shewey

Gay entertainment has been plentiful in this city the last couple of weeks, thanks to three nationally well-known and locally popular acts: Brandy Lee and Jade & Sarsaparilla, both hosted by the Charles Playhouse Cabaret, and the Dynamic Superiors at the Sugar Shack.

Brandy Lee has put together a dynamic new show called "Person to Person" that is at once warmly personal and musically sensational. Leaving behind the drag routines of old, she has updated her material and fashioned a show that showcases her phenomenal vocal talents. For those who've never seen her, Brandy immediately lets you know where she's at. "The Girl You Think You See," which opens and closes the show, was written by Carly Simon but makes a perfect theme song for Brandy: "I'm not necessarily the girl you think you see, whoever you want is exactly the person I'm more than willing to be — I'll be your queen, your foul-mouthed Marine, your Mary Magdalene, to please you . . ." And in a new song called "Dear Mary Hartmann," Brandy gives the Fernwood housewife a bit of her history: "I was born in Honolulu, but I felt more like a Lulu than a Lou . . . so I got some shots of silicone and now my two halves don't agree."

Once Brandy's ambiguous gender is established, she goes right ahead and proves that she's not just a curiosity but a superb song stylist. Her classy and well-arranged repertoire includes exciting show tunes like "All That Jazz" from *Chicago* and *A Chorus Line*'s "What I Did for Love," as well as recent pop hits such as Paul Simon's "Gone at Last" and Gladys Knight's "Need to Be." And she usually can't

get away without an encore rendition of her long-time trademark "Maybe This Time." The show has also expanded to allow the excellent jazz trio that accompanies her to play a few instrumental numbers. Brandy Lee, more beautiful than ever, will be playing at the Boatslip in Provincetown, MA, weekends in June, Wednesdays through Mondays beginning July 1.

The gay crusaders of soul, the Dynamic Superiors, stopped in for a week at the Sugar Shack with their delightful songs and breathtaking choreography. The lead vocals alternate so that everyone gets a chance at the spotlight, and all five of them spin, slide, and shimmy with impeccable timing and stunning symmetry through songs like Gladys Knight's "On and On" and the O'Jays' "I Love Music" as well as their own hits "Deception" and "Test Me." But the main attraction of the Dynamic Superiors is golden-voiced Tony Washington, who proudly acknowledges his gayness onstage, particularly on his solos — Natalie Cole's "Inseparable" and the now-famous version of "Me and Mrs. Jones," which Tony revises to "Me and Mister Jones." Not only are they exceptionally talented performers, but the Dynamic Superiors are the only R&B recording artists in the country to not only embrace gay pride but to incorporate it into their stage show, a shining example to artists in all fields of music. Incidentally, I was apprehensive about going to the Sugar Shack because I had heard reports that it attracted an all-black crowd somewhat unfriendly to whites. Nonsense — I found the Sugar Shack extremely cordial with a mixed crowd and also

one of the lowest cover charges in town (\$2 on weeknights).

Meanwhile, over at the Charles Playhouse Cabaret, Jade and Sarsaparilla were packing in the audiences for their final Boston appearances before they journey to the Cape to open the new club, The Gallery, in the Sheraton-Regal in Hyannis on June 30. The group has just finished recording their first album on Submaureen

Records; the album consists of all original songs except for a couple of surprises and should be available in a few weeks.

Incidentally, the opening act for J&S at the Cabaret was Baker and Rand, a very, very funny comedy duo, both of whom are previous members of the Proposition. They will also be appearing at The Gallery over the summer, so keep an eye out for them.



Photo by Paul McAlpine

Julie Budd — from borscht to disco

By David Brill

Nine years ago, Herb Bernstein was watching a talent contest at the Tamarack Lodge in upstate New York (home to Grossinger's and similar Borscht Belt banks), when he discovered one Julie Budd. Talent, Herb quickly learned, does not discriminate on the basis of age, and I guess that's how Julie can quite correctly be termed a veteran of the business, despite her meager 22 years.

Her youth continues to be the puzzle and the clue to her success. While others her age may have been trying out for the Flushing Glee Club, Julie started with the Merv Griffin Show, on which she has appeared over 40 times since. She's played the Borscht Belt scene across the country, and is now trying — diligently and apparently with some success — to break out of it and into a younger crowd (trade beads for borscht?) at the behest of Bernstein, who is also her producer, arranger, and accompanist.

Bernstein seems to be glad that Julie is becoming popular with disco-goers, which, for all practical purposes, means the gay crowd: "Gays are the best audience," he says. "They're tuned in to music, to fashion . . . discos are better than radio." He said that he is "thrilled to death" that she has played four times at New York's Grand Finale.

Her show at the Merry-Go-Round at Boston's Copley Plaza contained elements of appeal to both audiences. "Breaking Up Is Hard to Do," or "Sing Me," or "I'm Always Chasing

Rainbows" (which, by the way, still sounds good despite its circa 1918 vintage — no ageist I): each was performed with stunning polish. Perhaps because of rumors that she was a natural understudy for Barbra Streisand, Julie has a style all her own, and comes closest to Streisand (as Funny Lady or Funny Girl) when she exhibits her Brooklynese "oy vays." Streisand has nearly a foot in height over tiny Julie, whose accompanying orchestra was excellent and surprisingly large — five pieces with two female background singers as well. If Julie has this much class now, it makes one wonder what she will be doing in five or ten years.

Five or ten years? "Movies, records . . . records!" says Herb Bernstein. That is inarguably where the gay connection comes in. It is a long-standing fact in the music business that disco-goers buy records in far greater numbers than radio-listeners. And gays, as the most visible disco-goers, provide the natural market for Julie Budd, just as they have for Gloria Gaynor and Bette Midler.

Julie is destined for stardom because she has not limited her repertoires to any arbitrary period in history, or imitating those of other artists. In last month's *Michael's Thing* (New York's gay entertainment guide), she displayed a refreshing optimism and a lot of self-happiness, something that is evident from her musical style.

[Julie Budd will be performing soon at the Royal York in Toronto and the Latin Casino in Cherry Hill, N.J.]



Photo Roy Siskey

Love Behind Bars

The story on relationships within the prison walls and the accompanying graphics come from probably the most exciting new publication in the Boston area. *Turning Point* is a woman's magazine written and designed by prisoners at Massachusetts Correctional Institute Framingham. It is a beautiful collection of poems, plays, drawings and photographs that evokes the emotional experience of the women doing time.

The unique magazine is the result of an educational program funded by H.E.W. in which University of Massachusetts women students meet with Framingham women for bi-monthly seminars. These ten students and ten inmates discuss areas of utility and interest to women, such as lesbian relationships, pre- and post-natal care, nutrition, and feelings. One of the instructors hired to help facilitate the workshops teaches creative writing.

From these workshops came the idea for *Turning Point*.

Turning Point features the poetry and plays of women of the class, but it is also meant to serve as an information source for inmates and, it is hoped, a voice for change within the institution. The second section of the magazine contains a bulletin board of activities and lots of space for people to write their opinions and feelings about books, TV shows, the prison. Or they can ask The Godmother for advice about their personal relationships, or they can send messages in the personals, and read the feature article put together by the staff on some issue of interest to inmates.

Turning Point is especially notable because it combines wit and serious emotion. There are many sad poems about life in prison, but there are also some happy photographs of women being together. One section displays

pictures of Framingham women from the forties and earlier. The caption says: "It took us so long to put this together that some of the photographs are out of date." Throughout there is cheer and hope for the future. In one article there is the story of a birth at Framingham from the mother's point of view and from the baby's. The baby says that she misses her mother, but understands that she loves her and will be with her when she is done doing time. The average Framingham inmate serves about nine months, so the work tends to be future-oriented.

The inmates that worked on the magazine are extremely happy with the results, but like all media people, they wait impatiently for more readers to respond with letters, questions, and material. And like all small media, they have money problems. The first issue was paid for by the H.E.W. grant, but the women need more finances in order

to print another issue. This money must come through the sales of the magazine. Outside friends from the university are helping with publicity, and the magazine may be purchased in the Boston area at New Words Bookstore and 100 Flowers Bookstore for \$1.25. Or one can send \$1.25 plus \$.50 postage to *Turning Point*, P.O. Box 91, Somerville, MA 02143.

So far the *Turning Point* class, under the instruction of Andrea Lowenstein, has given a poetry reading for the public and is currently producing one of the plays printed in the magazine. Members look forward to doing another issue. The magazine, reading and play are the concrete results of this unique program, but the emotional effect on the inmates and the students who took part is immeasurable. Perhaps that is why they decided to name the magazine *Turning Point*.

A Male Resident:

Q: How do relationships in the penitentiary differ from a relationship on the outside?

A: I don't think there is any difference. It's too much like the streets. the relationships are fairly temporary, for the women do short time.

Q: Are relationships in jail honest or are they merely created to pass time?

A: With myself, honest. But for the majority it seems to be acquaintances.

Q: How does a gay relationship affect you?

A: It doesn't. To each his own.

Q: Do you believe jail brings out homosexual tendencies? If so, how do you feel about it?

A: Only if it's an all male or female prison.

Q: How do you explain it in a co-ed prison?

A: It's what the people want. People will find love where ever they are at. One of the strongest needs is to be wanted and needed.

Q: What are the difficulties of having an outside relationship while having

a relationship inside the penitentiary?

A: If you hurt either one. I would feel bad if I had a relationship inside and hurt the one on the outside. But I base a relationship on honesty.

Q: Are your standards for a partner on the inside any different from those you place upon outside partners?

A: To a certain extent, stronger. Usually a person feels badly about oneself if they are locked up, so their demands are stronger on a partner in jail.

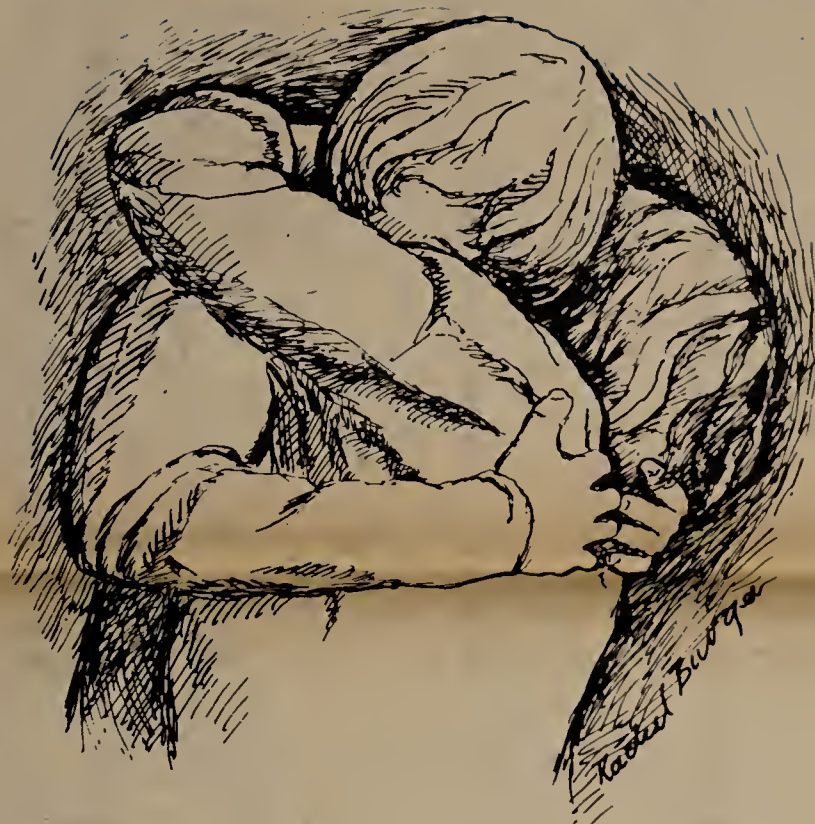
Q: Can a marriage within a jail (a co-ed) work? And would you marry a lifer?

A: Oh, yes absolutely. I've experienced it, I know it can work. The hard, difficult part is that you have no freedom to express yourself. I love sex! I married a lifer.

Q: Why do you feel homosexuality is prevalent amongst the women and not the men in this co-ed prison?

A: From what I have seen, if a man is homosexual and comes to Framingham he will do it behind closed doors. The females are just more open about it.

When they are in an all man joint they turn to homosexuality because



it's the only type of love they can find behind the walls. When they come here they have no need for it. But there are those men who go with women during the day and men at night.

Men have a tendency to put the gay men down, saying he's weak, less than a man, but they use them. Here it is more on a friendship sexual basis with the men. You're in a society here that accepts (with the women), even though the outside society doesn't. I believe many women try it because of this reason.

In essence it's here, but not in the open. I guess the word for it is "closet queen."

A Female Resident:

Q: How do relationships in the penitentiary differ from a relationship on the outside?

A: A person is forced to fertilize a relationship at a greater speed. Plus you don't have much to choose from so you have to work with what is available.

Q: Are relationships in jail honest or are they merely created to pass the time?

A: I think that for the majority it's just to pass the time. But there are a

few rare exceptions. I am one of them.

Q: How does a gay relationship affect you?

A: Lots of people call exploratory relationships games, but each person has to pass the time as he sees best for him. What does bug me though, is when persons are having an exploratory relationship and don't call it such. If you are just playing games, admit it. Don't try to be something and foul it up for the rest of the for-real people.

Q: Do you believe jail brings out homosexual tendencies? If so, how do you feel about it?

A: Jail only brings out what was there in the first place. I feel it is good because it allows you to know all sides of yourself. And it is something that is in everybody, whether you chose to develop it or not is up to you.

Q: What are the difficulties of having an outside relationship while having a relationship inside the penitentiary?

A: It depends on how mature the outside thing is. If your shit isn't together, it can be a heavy head hassle.

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Talking Politics

By DAVID P. BRILI

Where are you going, Billy Boy?

[Author's note: GCN presents this as a birthday gift to Rep. Hogan, who will be 51 on June 6.]

The February 1972 issue of *Boston Magazine* called him the "self-appointed guardian of the morals of the Commonwealth." Rep. Barney Frank of Boston has called him a "responsible opponent" of gay rights legislation. And a lot of people all over the State House — not just liberal lobbyists but other legislators and members of the press as well — just call him trouble.

"He" is William F. Hogan, Democratic state representative from the 24th Middlesex District, chairman of the House Public Safety Committee, champion of police and veterans groups, hero of gun owners, and the engineer of the defeat of gay rights legislation in the lower chamber during the last four years. Hogan, to the unabashed glee of many, including probably a majority of his constituents, is not seeking re-election this year to a sixth term, but will, instead, be a candidate for the seat of the late U.S. Rep. Torbert H. Macdonald of the Seventh Congressional District. Macdonald was a dedicated and unselfish public servant for 22 years, and I am glad to say that he was my representative.

Why George Keverian, the well-rounded solon from the southern section of Everett, chose not to run is a lesson in practical politics. Keverian, who was elected in 1966 with Hogan, is the third-ranking Democrat in the House of Representatives, and stands an excellent chance of becoming Speaker someday, largely because of his appeal to the varying factions within the Democratic membership. He would not risk a very safe seat to enter a veritable free-for-all. Jolly George, a 44-year-old bachelor who lives with his family, has always backed gay rights legislation, although not so much as to debate them.

Hogan is a different story. Although he occupies a position of power as head of the hawkish Public Safety Committee, his legislative seat is far from safe. In 1974 he lost Everett in the primary election to City Councillor James Sweeney, and was barely re-elected (by 78 votes) because of the plurality he obtained in two newly-added precincts of the city of Malden. Had a third candidate, Bernard Devlin, not been in the contest, Hogan probably would have lost.

Hogan had to get Keverian's okay before running (Keverian would have had to do the same) to avoid dividing their constituency too much (although the candidacy of Everett Mayor George McCarthy has probably done that already). Remember that Keverian is a quick-minded man with excellent senses of politics and humor who is privately embarrassed by Hogan. Keverian, perceiving Hogan as unelectable as a congressman and almost as defeatable as a state representative, knew that were Hogan to run, he could not return to the legislature under normal circumstances — score one for Keverian, one for Everett, and two for the Commonwealth.

Sure, Billy, winked George. Thus the Hogan candidacy began.

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To watch Billy Hogan debate against a gay rights bill is quite an experience. His eyes light up like fire, he raises his voice like Billy Graham, and starts to breathe heavy like Fred Harris. He suffers from a Vara-like ego that blinds him to the opposition, enabling him to

speak for long periods without noticing who is listening.

He has not changed his arguments since the first gay rights debate. He has never tried to say that it is good to discriminate against homosexuals. Rather, he professes that "there is no discrimination" and that such legislation is unnecessary. Hogan offered these same points on a WBCN radio program last year that was later to win a national community service award from UPI.

He insists that he is not against homosexuals. In 1975, during one of three House debates on the same gay rights bill, Hogan pulled a clipping from the *Boston Herald American* about Jacques and The Other Side from his pocket. He read it aloud, noting that men dressed as women sometimes enter the men's room at Jacques. (Someone did the same thing in the movie "Cabaret" too, but no one seemed to mind.) "I do not want one of these people in the men's room while I am doing my duty," he cried. (I giggled to myself at this point, since I am comfortable in boots and jeans — Hogan wears a wig and everyone knows it.)

He was interrupted by the late Rep. Dick Landry of Waltham, who charged him with being reactionary, stating, "The most you're going to get from your constituents on this is a little ribbing." Landry should know, since he was re-elected the previous year without any opposition.

"In my district," replied Hogan, "it would be more than a little ribbing!" Since Hogan had won the previous year's election by only 78 votes, one wonders exactly how sensitive he really is to his constituency's politics. Even in the November general election, in which he was unopposed, Hogan received only 5084 votes, over a thousand less than Keverian. The 5084 pales further when compared to other races in which equal numbers of people voted, such as in Butch Cataldo's adjacent Revere seat (7191) or David Mofenson's Newton district (6714 votes). "I wouldn't vote for Billy Hogan if he were the only man on the ballot," seems to be a practice as well as a cliché in Everett.

The story they like to tell most at the State House about Hogan is the McGovern Bill story. In 1971, when Sen. George McGovern was to address a joint session of the legislature, Hogan, who is a former state commander of the American Legion, got up and handed him a "bill." "You owe the Commonwealth \$50,000 to pay for police protection for the anti-war demonstrators you promote," it said. Then Hogan walked out on him, with Winthrop Rep. Ralph Sirianni at his side. (Sirianni was later attacked for participating in this scenario by the *Winthrop Sun Transcript*.)

During last year's debate on the Equal Rights Amendment, Hogan similarly denied being against women, contending instead that the ERA was unnecessary and potentially harmful. "I am not against women! I love women! I am married to one!"

Linda Lachman, top aide to Rep. Elaine Noble, explains Hogan this way: "It (anti-gay crusading) must be something personal with him. After all, he's been doing it since before Elaine came up here."

But what is this obsession? "Billy sees himself as the leader of the conservatives, not only on this issue, but on a whole range of issues," says Barney Frank. True enough. He has

won a few major victories of late (bills banning hitchhiking and raising the drinking age have passed the House), particularly throwing "employables" off welfare.

Yet one of the legislature's most outspoken critics of the welfare system is also the staunchest gay rights backer in the State Senate. Republican Sen. Bob Hall of Lunenburg — who, by the way, is a member of Hogan's Public Safety Committee — consistently defends his position on gay rights by arguing that he is not willing to pay higher taxes to support gay people on welfare.

Hall, a Vietnam veteran who turned 30 last month, thinks that many of the most vociferous opponents of gay rights are, to use the vernacular, "closet cases." "As every college freshman knows," Hall wrote last year



Hogan: A House is not a home.

in a letter to Rep. William A. Connell (D-Weymouth), "psychology accepts that those who are most uptight and fearful of homosexuals are usually fighting such latent tendencies in themselves." Hall is a self-described "screaming heterosexual."

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What about this election? Does Hogan really have a chance? A former aide to Boston Mayor Kevin White doesn't think so. "Billy is well-known, but not well-liked; he froths at the mouth too much. Torby (Macdonald) was twice the man he is," he says.

Others discount the fact that Hogan barely survived his last House contest. Rep. Ed Markey, a Malden Democrat and candidate himself, cautions, "Lincoln lost a dozen elections before becoming president . . . you can't write Hogan off." Markey, 29, who is widely (and correctly) preceived as one of the handsomest members of the House, has been the recipient of an enormous amount of favorable publicity recently following his run-in with House Speaker Tom McGee, and has to be considered a front runner for the congressional seat.

The only other front runner at this time is State Sen. Steve McGrail, a 27-year-old former Wakefield selectman who moved to Granada Highlands in Malden during the 1974 redistricting frenzy. He is the state chairman of the Jimmy Carter campaign, and his senatorial district is almost a third of the congressional district. Only he and Markey are of congressional caliber; both have voted for gay rights, although neither is considered a genuine member of the legislature's purist liberal bloc.

In addition to Mayor McCarthy, there will be another Everett candidate, a 41-year-old ex-Marine named Francis Vacca, who at one time was working for Sen. Birch Bayh. He and former state Secretary of Elder Affairs Jack Leff will split the left-of-center vote of the ADA and CPPAX variety.

Hogan's ideological competition will come from Rep. Bob Donovan of Chelsea, whose survival as a legislator is amazing, considering that he votes against his largely poor constituents as often as possible. Donovan does for his constituents what Phyllis Schlafly does for women.

Governor's Councillor Vincent LoPresti, who just moved to Medford from Somerville to validate his candidacy, will also be on the ballot. He was an early backer of Sen. Henry Jackson's campaign here, and is close to Kevin White. He is a brother to State Sen. Michael LoPresti, and thinks that he has a good chance because a) his Council seat is 80% within the district, and b) his enormous family wealth.

Also running will be Revere Mayor Billy Reinstein, a former legislator who, by the way, is a Roman Catholic.

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Let's speculate. Can you see Hogan fighting with Rep. Bella Abzug in the House when the federal gay rights bill is reported out of committee? What would the voters of the Seventh think if they saw their congressman devoting so much energy to such legislation?

Hogan would probably be his own worst enemy. During 1974, his ADA rating (Americans for Democratic Action, a group which rates legislators on a number of issues dealing with human rights, among other things) was 21, one of the lowest in the House. In contrast, the Bay State congressional delegation possesses one of the most liberal in Congress — an average of 83% in 1974. Macdonald, who was the most conservative of the Massachusetts delegation, was a leftist by national standards, averaging a 77% ADA rating during his last seven years in the House.

Macdonald's popularity, which endeared him to his constituency for over two decades, transcended ideology. There wasn't anything he wouldn't do for a constituent. By contrast, I can't really imagine Hogan fighting for the interests of the huge Hispanic community in Chelsea, or a night curfew at Logan for Revere and Winthrop residents.

And what would happen if Billy failed in this election? He would probably still be at the State House (like Sirianni), but not as a legislator. The House would be missing an articulate and often effective right-winger. But there are dozens of others to take his place.

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Massachusetts has a reputation for political daring. The Kennedys, the late Joe Martin, Louise Day Hicks, Elaine Noble, Father Drinan. A northern state with a 97% white electorate is home to the nation's only black senator. Perhaps Hogan would fit in with this motley bunch in history.

But history has not been kind to Hogan's heroes. Most of his political allies have fallen by the wayside, by choice or by chance. But as usual, Billy is not seeing the facts, even though they are before his ample nose. It will take another election for him to see that the voters of the Seventh Congressional District do not want Congress to become a House of ill-repute because of the likes of a Billy Hogan.

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Ivy took some acting training with Lee Strasberg but gave up theatre hopes when her fiance told her he wanted his wife to stay at home and "take care of things." In 1966 with her 2 daughters almost grown, Ivy Bottini went to her first meeting at the local chapter of the National Organization of Women (NOW). The women's movement changed the world for Ivy.

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PRISON

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Q: Are your standards for a partner on the inside any different from those you place upon outside partners?

A: I am easier on a person inside. I don't think they are as well equipped as a person on the outside.

Q: Can a marriage within a jail (a co-ed one) work? And would you marry a lifer?

A: They can work, but it will be hard. A person would have to be willing to put up with more stress and frustrations. I doubt if I would marry a lifer. I am not that strong. I like to party and sleep with my mate. Not write letters when I'm lonely and come visit my lover.

In conclusion, we found a wide range of opinion existed as to the negative and positive aspects of rela-

tionships inside compared to those outside. While some people found the intensity and time limits involved in a prison relationship made for a closer and more honest one, most saw the sexual frustration and overly close quarters as destructive to a relationship.

One woman said, for example, "You can't be together to 'do the thing' and that ain't healthy." Someone else said, "You're forced to hide, be afraid of being busted. You can't really get involved 'cause you know that one of you will be leaving."

Although everyone agreed relationships here were primarily formed to "pass time," each person interviewed felt that his or her case was the one exception to the rule. We feel the commitment is a temporary situation rather than a total commitment.

As far as gay vs. straight relationships, most people felt that jail brings out homosexual tendencies, and made no judgment on this. Feeling that "Everybody needs and the object is to satisfy that need," one woman told us, "It happened to me. I never liked no

girls before I came to jail. I just wanted to try it out to see what it was like." Most people felt that nothing would be brought out that was not already there. "Hey, most of them were closet cases from the get go," one woman told us.

Our newspaper was puzzled at the openness of female gayness as opposed to the apparent absence of this among male residents. We found, however, that gayness among the men here was not absent, but merely well hidden. Reasons for this secretiveness of "closet quality" were explained by one man who said, "Men have to protect their masculinity." It is apparent women feel more comfortable with their sexuality, whatever it may be.

In summary, relationships on the inside, like those on the outside, have their negative and positive aspects. The key to any successful relationship is that of maturity and complete understanding on the part of "all" parties.

Any comments or opinions are welcome. Let us know your thoughts on this subject by dropping us a line.

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MONDAYS

10:00 am — Gay News, WCAS. 740 AM.
12 noon — N.U. GSO meets for lunch, rm. 349, Eli Center, Huntington Ave.
5:30 pm — Women's community Health Center open house, 137 Hampshire St., Cambridge.
6:30-10 — Clark Gay People Drop-In Center, 148 Wright Hall, Clark U, Worcester
7-10 pm — UMass Gay Women's Caucus Hotline, 545-3438
7 pm — Parents of Gays, HCHS, 80 Boylston St., Boston, (617) 542-6075

10-11 a.m. — Drinking Problem discussion group, HCHS, 80 Boylston St., Boston (617) 542-6075

6:30pm — GRAC swimming, Cambridge High & Latin. For info call 289-7678
7 pm — Rap group, 63 Chapin Ave., Providence, RI.

7 pm — Gay Women's Rap Group, at Another Way, 64 Chandler St., Worcester, Ma. 756-0730

7-9 pm — Gay Switchboard, Vermont U, 802-656-4173

7:30-9:30 pm — Drop-in Center for women, Rm. L-23, Curtis Hall, Tufts, Medford
7:30 pm — UMass Amherst, Bisexual Women's Rap Group, Campus Center

7:30-9:30 pm — TGC Drop-In Center for Women, room L-23 Curtis Hall, Tufts

7:30 pm — DOB Lesbian Mothers Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323.

8:00 pm — Lesbian Rap at Women's Center, 215 Park St., NH

8:00 pm — Lesbian rap and action group, Cambridge Women's Center basement; (617) 354-8807.

8 pm — GPC business meeting, Columbia U, Furnald Basement, Broadway at 115th St.

8-9 pm — "None of the Above," WWUH-FM (91.3) Hartford, Conn. (203-728-0653)

8 pm — GRAC candlepin bowling, 1260 Lanes, 1260 Boylston St.
8:30 pm — Hartford Gay Alcoholics Group (203) 522-2646.

8:30 pm — Alcoholics Together, 63 Chapin Ave., Providence

9 pm — Gay discussion group, Columbia U, Furnald Basement, Broadway at 115th St.

TUESDAYS

1 pm — MCC Campus Ministry, RIC Student U., rm. 312, Providence, RI.

6:30-10 — Clark Gay People Drop-In Center, 148 Wright Hall, Clark U, Worcester

7 pm — GRAC basketball, YMCU, 48 Boylston St., Boston

7 pm — Pot luck supper at Resurrection House, 5 Junction St., Providence, RI.

7:30 pm — DOB Women's Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323.

8 pm — Rap Group for gay men, 36 Bromfield St., Boston.

8 pm — Springfield Gay Alliance, First Unitarian Church, 245 Porter Lake Dr., Springfield.

8:00 pm — Gay Way Radio, WBUR, 90.9 FM.

8 pm — Rap Group for gay men, CSMH, 70 Charles St., Boston

8-9:30 pm — TGC Drop-In Center for Men, room L-23 Curtis Hall, Tufts

8:30 pm — Gay Alliance at Yale, rap session, Bingham Hall, Rm. B-8, 436-8945

9:30 pm — Tufts Gay Community meeting, Laminan Lounge, East Hall, Tufts

9:30 pm — TGC meeting, Laminan Lounge, East Hall, Tufts, Medford

8:30 pm — Providence Gay Group of AA, Assumption Parish Hall, 791 Potters Ave., Prov., RI, 231-5853.

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WEDNESDAYS

11 am — Gay discussion group at Drop-In Center of Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill, MA; open to everyone.

12-8 pm — Provincetown Drop-in Center has these hours especially for gay problems. Come in or call. See Quick Gay Guide.

6:30-0 pm — Gay Health Night at Fenway Community Health Center, 267-7573.

6-10 Drop-in hours at Gay Men's Center, 36 Bromfield St., Boston, 338-7967.

6:30-10 — Clark Gay People Drop-In Center, 148 Wright Hall, Clark U, Worcester

7:00 — Men's Rap Group, 64 Chandler St., Worcester, Mass. Call 756-0730.

7-9 pm — Gay Switchboard, Vermont U, 802-656-4173

7 pm — Religious Dialogue at MCC, 63 Chapin Ave., Providence, RI.

7:00 pm — Liberation Rap Group (617) 756-0730.

7 pm — Framingham Unicorn Society meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday; Box 163, Framingham, MA 01701

7:30 pm — MCC Merrimack Valley rap/discussion group, Box 750, Haverhill, MA 01830 374-6905.

8 pm — Alcoholics Together, St. Johns Evangelist Church, 33 Bowdoin St., Boston

8:30-10 pm — Drop-in Center for men, Rm. L-23, Curtis Hall, Tufts, Medford

9-12 — Gay Social, Columbia U, Furnald Basement, Broadway at 115th St.

10:15 pm — "Gaybreak Radio," on WMUA-FM, 91.1 mc. (1st and 3rd Wednesdays).

THURSDAYS

3:30 pm — UMass Amherst, Gay Male Rap Group, Cottage B, near Worcester Dining Common

6:30pm — GRAC swimming, Cambridge High & Latin. For info call 289-7678

7 pm — Alcoholics Together, 64 Chandler St., Worcester, Ma. 756-0730

7 pm — Gay drop-in coffeehouse at Scarborough Fair room of the College Union, Salem College, Salem, MA.

7-10 pm — UMass Gay Women's Caucus Hotline, 545-3438

7 pm — Yale Lesbian Caucus, Bingham Hall, Rm B-8, 436-8945

7:00 pm — Gay Alcoholics, St. Vincents Hospital, Worcester.

7:00 pm — Gay Support and Action Group, Bangor, Maine.

7:30 pm — Peoples Gay Alliance, UMass Amherst, 8th floor of Campus Center

7:30pm — GRAC modern dance, info call 289-7678

8 pm — Capital Dist. Gay Comm. Council, 332 Hudson Ave., Albany, NY 12210

8:00 pm — DOB Rap for Older Women, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323, Boston.

8:00 pm — Lesbian Liberation meeting, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge.

8:00 pm — KALOS, Hartford, CT, 568-2656.

8:00 pm — Lesbian Mothers' group; 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge, MA (617) 354-8807.

8 pm — HUM meets, Box 262, Fitchburg, MA 01420

8:15 pm — Drinking problems rap group, HCHS, 80 Boylston St., Rm. 855, Boston

8:30 pm — Gay Women's Caucus, UMass Amherst, 8th floor of Campus Center

8:30 pm — Gay Alliance at Yale, general meeting, Dwight Hall Library, 436-8945

8:30 pm — New Haven Gay Alliance, Dwight Hall Library, Old Campus at Yale.

8:30 — Gay Women Alcoholics, HCHS, 80 Boylston St., rm. 842, Boston.

9 pm — Emerson Homophile Society, Rm. 24, 96 Beacon St., Boston.

9:30-10:30 pm — Drop-in Center for men, Rm. L-23, Curtis Hall, Tufts, Medford

FRIDAYS

7:30 pm — Rap group for men & women, MGTFF, 193 Middle St., Portland, Me.

7:00 pm — Alcoholics Together, Worcester, 756-0730, 754-7817.

8:00 pm — "Somewhere Coffeehouse," MCC/Hartford, 11 Amity St., Hartford.

8:00 pm — Health Clinic, Burbank Hospital, Fitchburg, MA.

8-12 Drop-in hours at Gay Men's Center, 36 Bromfield St., Boston, 338-7967.

9 pm — Coffee House, 64 Chandler St., Worcester.

9 pm — B'nai Haskalah, Gay Jewish services, doors open 8:30, 131 Cambridge St., Boston, 265-6409.

SATURDAYS

1:00pm — GRAC soccer, Hatch Shell, Esplanade, Boston. For info call 289-7678

3-10 Drop-in hours at Gay Men's Center, 36 Bromfield St., Boston, 338-7967.

8:00 pm — Gay Support and Action, dance at 23 Franklin St., Bangor, ME.

8:00 pm — East Conn. Gay Alliance, 889-7530.

8:00 pm — MCC/Hartford Drop-in Center, 11 Amity, St.

10 pm-3 am — Worcester Hotline, 791-6562

SUNDAYS

10:30 am — "Closet Space," WCAS 740 AM.

1 pm — MCC Church School, 63 Chapin Ave., Providence, RI.

2-6 Drop-in hours at Gay Men's Center, 36 Bromfield St., Boston, 338-7967.

2:30 pm "Gay A's" Alcoholics Rap, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.

4 pm — MCC/Worcester services at Central Congregational Church, 6 Institute Rd., Worcester

4-6 pm — Gay Women's Group of Providence Rap, (401) 831-5184.

5 pm — MCC Boston Bible study group, 131 Cambridge St., 523-7664

5:30 pm — Exodus Mass, St. Clements Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston.

6-9 pm — Telegraph Beacon Star — Gay Perspective, WTBS-FM 88.1.

6:30 pm — Gay Church Services, 23 Franklin St., Bangor, ME.

7 pm — MCC worship services, 63 Chapin Ave., Providence, RI.

7 pm — MCC/Aibany, N.Y., 332 Hudson Ave. (except first Sunday of months at 6 pm)

7 pm — MCC/NY worship, 201 W. 13th St. (corner of 7th Ave.)

7:00 pm — MCC/Boston, worship and fellowship, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.

7:00 pm — Church of the Eternal Flame Universal, 320 Farmington Ave., Apt. A-6, Hartford, CT.

7:30 pm — MCC Hartford, 11 Amity St., Hartford CT.

7:30 pm — "Come Out Tonight," radio WYBC-FM, 94.3, New Haven, CT.

8 pm — Cape Cod Women's Liberation Discussion, P-town Drop-In Center, 6 Gosnold St., Provincetown, MA.

8-11 pm — GRAC games at GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston

8-12 p.m. — Cambridge Homintern socializing, back room at the Idler, 123 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge.

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1 tues

Boston, MA — DOB topic rap, "Being a Single Lesbian," 7:30pm, 419 Boylston St., Rm 323.

Boston — Expressive therapy group for gay men interviewing from 5-10pm at 80 Boylston St., Rm. 860. See NewsNotes for more info, or leave message for Paul Tellalian at 227-8882

Boston — Gay Pride Planning Meeting, 7pm, Charles St. Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St. If you want to see a special workshop, bring your idea to this meeting.

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Boston — The Program Committee of the Gay Men's Center will meet at 7pm. New input is needed — help plan now how the GMC will relate to Gay Pride Week. 36 Bromfield St.

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Boston — Jade & Sarsaparilla will do a benefit for Women's Bail Fund, 8pm, Morse Auditorium, \$3 donation; info call 491-1575 from 10-4.

Boston, MA — GCN lays out the paper every Thursday, and we need help in the afternoon with copy reading and correcting and paste-up, from 12-4, 22 Bromfield St.

4 fri

Boston — The *Fenway News* presents an evening of music, mime and poetry at St. Clements Shrine, 1105 Boylston St., 8-11, \$2.50 donation.

NYC — Lesbian Feminist Liberation holds party for women at 465 W. Broadway; \$5 to help pay for Lesbian Pride Week '76.

Boston — Today and every Friday thereafter, the new circulation department at GCN invites all caring souls to lend a hand mailing GCN subscriptions. No experience necessary, just a desire to do a little labor of love where it is needed most. Come anytime between 4-9pm to 22 Bromfield St. For directions call 426-4469.

Amherst, MA — PGA of U-Mass holds coffeehouse from 9-1 at Farley Lodge; .75 donation. For info call (413) 545-0154.

Cambridge, MA — NOW sponsors lesbian feminist comedienne Ivy Bottini at 8pm, Huntington Hall, 77 Mass. Ave., at MIT. Tickets from 100 Flowers, Cambridge Women's Center or Boston-NOW; info call 267-6160.

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Hartford, CN — MCC tag sale, 10am to 6pm, 11 Amity St.

Boston — The 4th Annual Bay Village Street Fair will take place from 11am-5pm on Church St. (behind Statler Hilton), featuring 75 antique and craft dealers, food, and entertainment. Rain date is Sunday June 6.

6 sun

Boston — Important monthly General Meeting of the Gay Men's Center at 3pm. Elections to new term of the Round Table will be held. 36 Bromfield St.

Boston — Dignity mass and meeting, 1:30, St. Clements, 1105 Boylston St.

Provincetown, MA — Cape Cod Women's Liberation hold weekly feminist discussions Sundays from 8-10pm, P-town Drop-in Center, 6 Gosnold St.; this week: "Women and Masochism."

Cambridge, MA — A Lesbian Self-Help group is starting at the Women's Community Health, 137 Hampshire St.; the group will meet for four Sundays from 7-10pm starting today. For info call WCH at 547-2302.

New Haven, CT — "Come Out Tonight" switches to every week, Sun. at 7:30pm on WYBC-FM, 94.3.

New Haven, CT — Gay radio can be heard every week on WYBC-FM, 94.5, at 7:30pm, "Come Out Tonight."

NYC — Lesbian Feminist Liberation program "Romantic Love vs. Realistic Love"; \$1; 243 W. 20th St., 2pm.



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